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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to reenrollment of former expansion population  
2 members under the IowaCare program.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 6356HH 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 249J.8, subsection 1, Code Supplement  
1 2 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 1. Each expansion population member whose family income  
1 4 exceeds one hundred percent of the federal poverty level as  
1 5 defined by the most recently revised poverty income guidelines  
1 6 published by the United States department of health and human  
1 7 services shall pay a monthly premium not to exceed one-twelfth  
1 8 of five percent of the member's annual family income. Each  
1 9 expansion population member whose family income is equal to or  
1 10 less than one hundred percent of the federal poverty level as  
1 11 defined by the most recently revised poverty income guidelines  
1 12 published by the United States department of health and human  
1 13 services shall not be subject to payment of a monthly premium.  
1 14 All premiums shall be paid on the last day of the month of  
1 15 coverage. The department shall deduct the amount of any  
1 16 monthly premiums paid by an expansion population member for  
1 17 benefits under the healthy and well kids in Iowa program when  
1 18 computing the amount of monthly premiums owed under this  
1 19 subsection. An expansion population member shall pay the  
1 20 monthly premium during the entire period of the member's  
1 21 enrollment. Regardless of the length of enrollment, the  
1 22 member is subject to payment of the premium for a minimum of  
1 23 four consecutive months. However, an expansion population  
1 24 member who complies with the requirement of payment of the  
1 25 premium for a minimum of four consecutive months during a  
1 26 consecutive twelve-month period of enrollment shall be deemed  
1 27 to have complied with this requirement for the subsequent  
1 28 consecutive twelve-month period of enrollment and shall only  
1 29 be subject to payment of the monthly premium on a  
1 30 month-by-month basis. Timely payment of premiums, including  
1 31 any arrearages accrued from prior enrollment, is a condition  
1 32 of receiving any expansion population services. However,  
1 33 notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, an individual  
1 34 who was an expansion population member prior to July 1, 2007,  
1 35 whose family income was equal to or less than one hundred  
2 1 percent of the federal poverty level as defined by the most  
2 2 recently revised poverty income guidelines published by the  
2 3 United States department of health and human services, who was  
2 4 subject to payment of a premium at that time, and who was in  
2 5 arrears on payment of the then existing premium, may enroll in  
2 6 the program without being subject to the prerequisite payment  
2 7 of the outstanding premium arrearages. Premiums collected  
2 8 under this subsection shall be deposited in the premiums  
2 9 subaccount of the account for health care transformation  
2 10 created pursuant to section 249J.23. An expansion population  
2 11 member shall also pay the same copayments required of other  
2 12 adult recipients of medical assistance.

2 13 Sec. 2. FEDERAL WAIVER AMENDMENT. The department of human  
2 14 services shall request any medical assistance waiver amendment  
2 15 from the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services of the  
2 16 United State department of health and human services necessary  
2 17 to implement this Act.  
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2 19 EXPLANATION  
2 20 This bill provides that an individual who was an expansion  
2 20 population member (IowaCare program member) prior to July 1,

2 21 2007, whose family income was equal to or less than 100  
2 22 percent of the federal poverty level, and who was in arrears  
2 23 on payment of the then existing premium, may reenroll in the  
2 24 IowaCare program without being subject to the prerequisite  
2 25 payment of the outstanding premium arrearages. Beginning July  
2 26 1, 2007, the premium payment requirement for individuals with  
2 27 incomes at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level  
2 28 was eliminated, but existing law requires that in order to  
2 29 reenroll in the program an individual must pay all arrearages,  
2 30 including premiums, owed. This bill would, therefore, allow  
2 31 those who are no longer required to pay a premium, who accrued  
2 32 premium arrearages during the time that a premium was  
2 33 required, to reenroll in the program without paying the  
2 34 arrearage amount owed. The bill directs the department of  
2 35 human services to request of the federal government any  
3 1 medical assistance waiver amendment necessary to implement the  
3 2 bill.  
3 3 LSB 6356HH 82  
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